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Please find attached a Comment on the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program, Alaska – Notice of Intent - 83 Federal Reg. 17562 from the Native Village of Eagle.

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May 24, 2018

**Re: Tribal request for extension of scoping comment period locations for the
DOI-BLM-AK-0000-2018-EIS (Coastal Plain Oil and Program EIS)**

Ms. Hayes:

The Native Village of Eagle Government, writes to request the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) extend its scoping comment period initiated by Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska. 83 Federal Reg. 17562 (Apr. 20, 2018).

Presently, the comment period is set for 60 days, ending June 19, 2018. The Tribes request a 62-day extension ending August 20, 2018. The Tribe believes such an extension is critical to allow and their members adequate time to provide written and verbal comments on BLM's proposal while accommodating the subsistence hunting and fishing harvests; the first of which is already underway with the arrival of spring waterfowl.

In addition to requesting the 62 day comment period extension, our Tribe writes to request the additional location of the Yukon River – Subdistrict 5-D (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Circle City and Eagle) be included in the scoping hearing schedule to ensure that our tribal members have the opportunity to effectively participate in the scoping comment period.

Finally we request a Government to Government meeting with the BLM / DOI as soon as possible to discuss our requests and concerns.

Thank you very much for your continued commitment to engaging with Tribes on a government- to-government basis. We look forward to receiving a response from you by June 15 as established at the Government to Government consultation in Arctic Village May 24, 2018.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully Submitted,

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Cc: TCC, Upper Tanana Subregional Director